WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS 06/17/20

MAJOR MILESTONES REPORT – 6/17/20

Likely in June

Non-Responsive - Caribbean Environmental Protection Division

(CEPD/MCPB) - Jose Rivera)

- Prasinos (name of firm) underground injection control draft permit public notice. Oxford,
 NY. (WD Stephanie Montrallo)
- ORD Office of Science Advisor, Policy and Engagement (OSAPE) will announce the regional awardees for the Regional Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (RESES) program which funds ORD regional research to promote sustainable and healthy communities (LSASD-Mindy Pensak)
- ORD Office of Science Advisor, Policy and Engagement (OSAPE) will announce the
 regional awardees for the Regional State Tribal Innovation Projects (RSTIP) which provides
 seed funding for regional office projects (in partnership with ORD) to address state and tribal
 science priorities, leading to more efficient and effective environmental programs (LSASDMindy Pensak)

Non-Responsive - Air and Radiation Division

(ARD- Ken Fradkin)

- Approve NJDEP's adoption of amendments to the Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS), N.J.A.C. 7:9B, that: upgrade the antidegradation designation of approximately 600 river miles to Category One (C1); update stream reclassifications based on trout sampling data; and modify the definition of "exceptional ecological significance." (WD - Brent Gaylord)
- Issue Record of Decision for the Arsenic Mines Site (SEMD Mark Granger)



FMC Dublin Road NPL Deletion (SEMD – Isabel Rodrigues)

Likely BEFORE the end of this Fiscal Year

Non-Responsive - Air and Radiation Division

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(ARD - Kirk Wieber)

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(ARD - Ysabel Banon)

- Issue Proposed Plan for Rolling Knolls OU1 (SEMD – Supinderjit Kaur)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Onondaga Lake IFG (SEMD – Patricia Pierre)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Newtown Creek OU2
 (SEMD Caroline Kwan, Mark Schmidt, Anne Rosenblatt)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Unimatic OU2 (SEMD – Trevor Anderson)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Diamond Alkali OU4 (SEMD – Diane Salkie)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Imperial Oil (ROD Amendment) (SEMD – Farnaz Saghafi)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Cinnaminson OU4 (SEMD – Alida Karas)



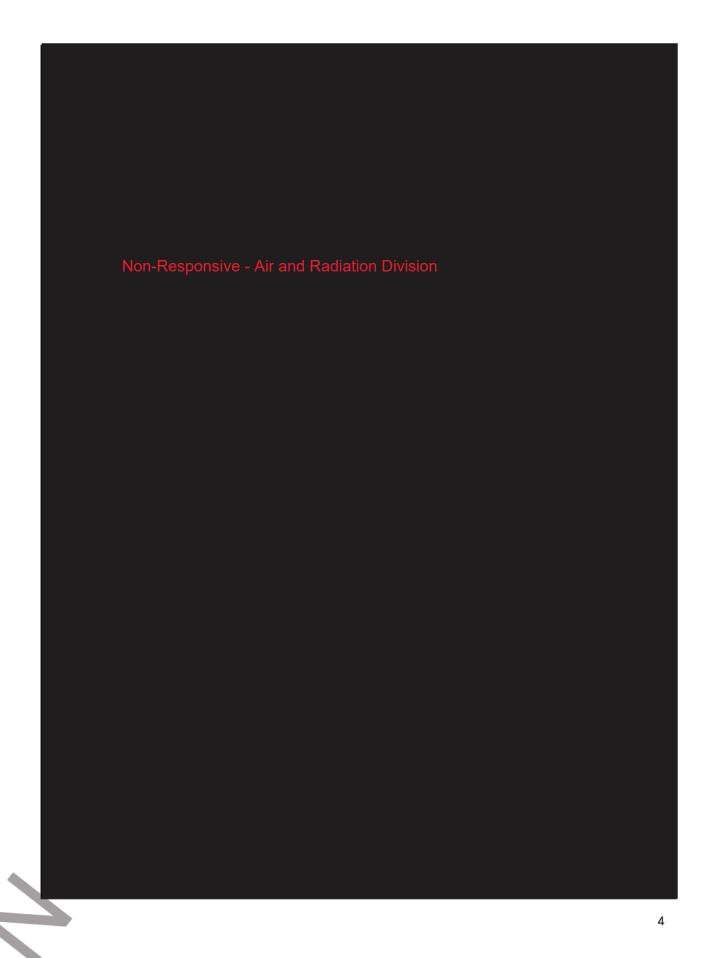
- Issue Record of Decision for Ringwood Mines (SEMD – Joe Gowers)
- Issue Proposed Plan for Onondaga Lake (General Motors-Inland Fisher Guide)
 (SEMD Patricia Pierre)
- Issue Record of Decision for Sherwin Williams/Hilliards Creek OU2 (SEMD – Ray Klimcsak)
- Following the public comment period and agency reviews, the Barnegat Bay
 Partnership's revised estuary Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan (CCMP)
 will be final.

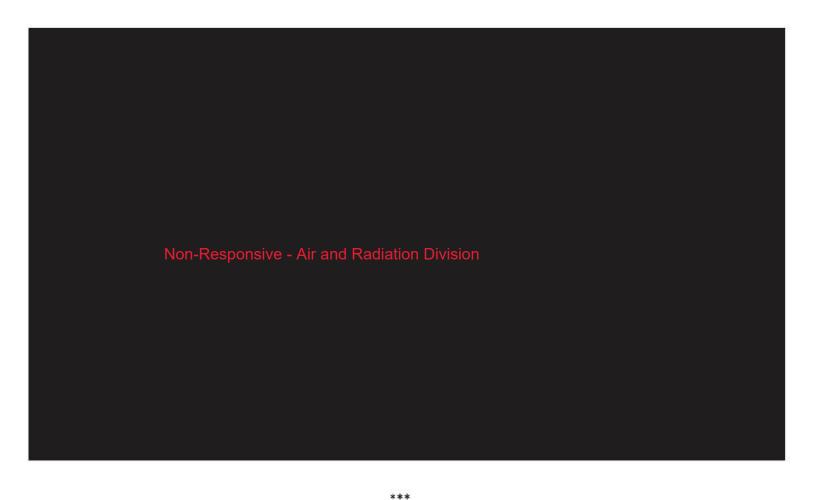
(WD, Barbara Spinweber)

- Release of the five-year Lake Ontario Lakewide Action and Management Plan. (WD, K. Heineman & A. Sexton-Sims).
- Non-Responsive Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division (LCRD – Ben Conetta)
- Following public comment and agency reviews, the Peconic Bay Estuary Program's Comprehensive Conservation & Management Plan (CCMP) will be final. (WD A. Boucher, A. Sexton-Sims)
- Submission of Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE) proposals to the Office of Science Advisor, Policy and Engagement (LSASD Mindy Pensak).

AIR AND RADIATION DIVISION

Non-Responsive - Air and Radiation Division

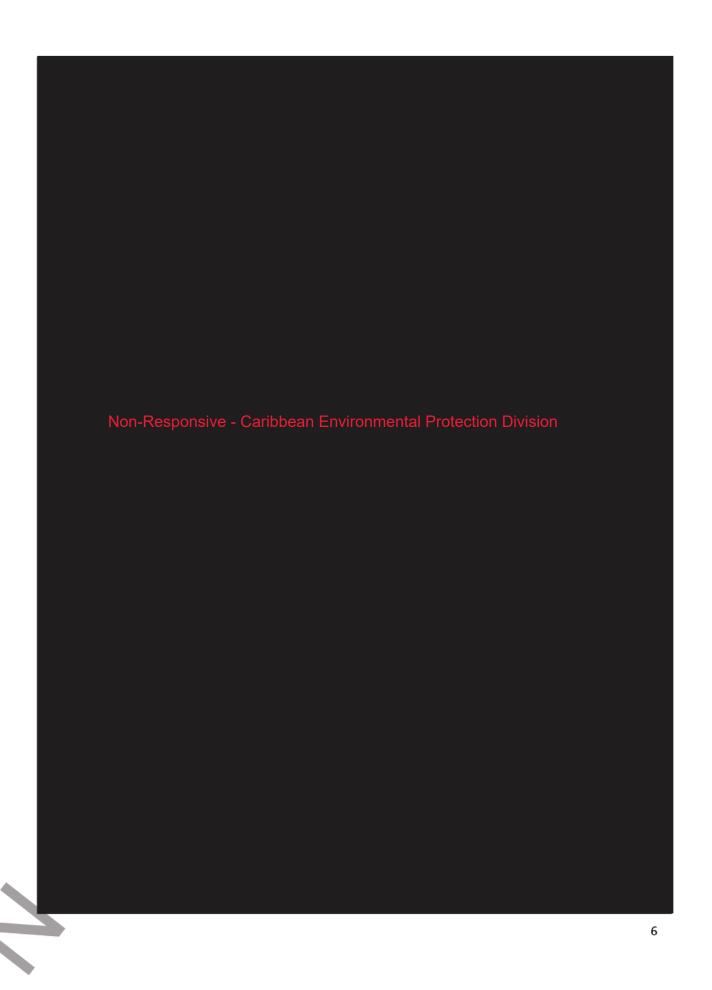


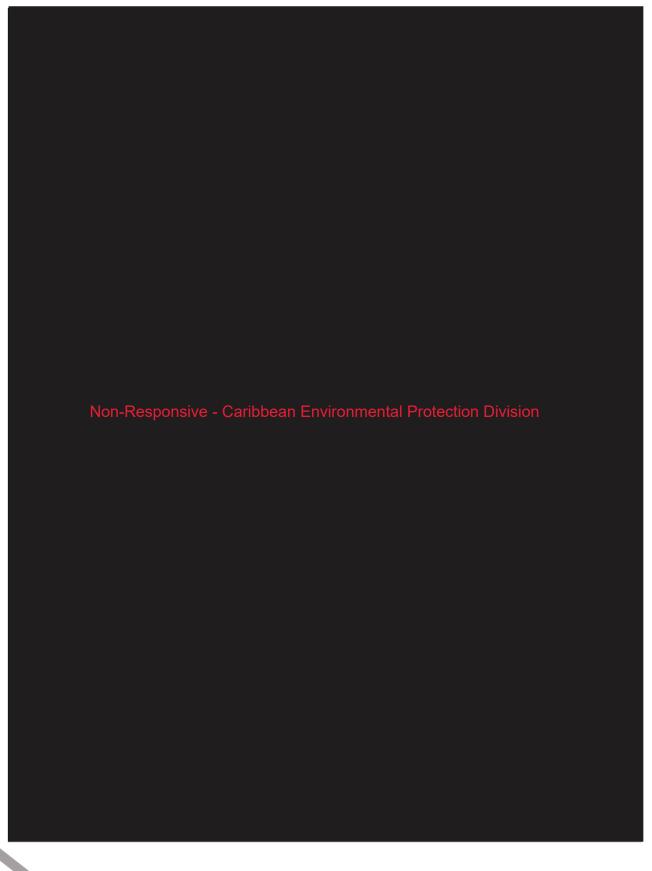


CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Non-Responsive - Caribbean Environmental Protection Division



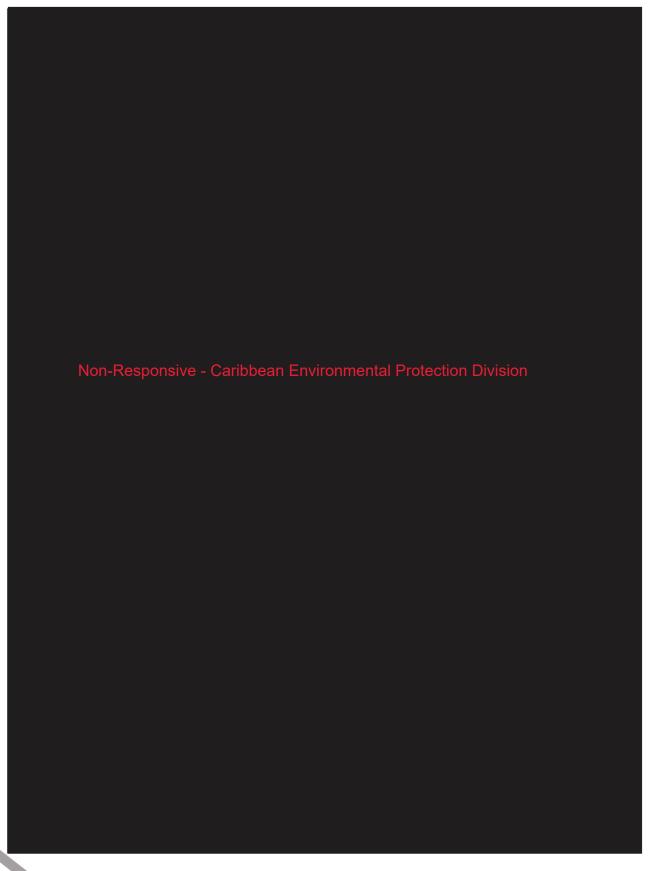












Non-Responsive - Caribbean Environmental Protection Division

ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE DIVISION

Past Week:

Suez Water NJ Hackensack (PWS-NJ): The system serves water to 792,713 customers and sells water to other consecutives systems in NJ. In March 2020, ECAD issued a request for information in preparation for an inspection later this fiscal year. Based on a review of compliance information submitted, it was determined Hackensack was in violation of filtration avoidance criteria and disinfection requirements. This week an AO was issued to address these violations, including, the requirement to conduct annual inspections of the watershed/wellhead protection program and the effectiveness of the disinfection treatment, and the failure to demonstrate compliance with all microbial inactivation requirements. The costs to comply with the AO will be associated with conducting the annual inspections, completing and reporting all required compliance calculations and performing validation of all treatment to ensure all pathogen inactivation requirements are being met. There is no penalty associated with this action unless the water system fails to comply. Exemption 7(a) - Law Enforcement

New Pesticide Establishment: A new EPA establishment number was issued this week to Venus Laboratories. ECAD reached out to the company to inquire about the nature of the business and were told that the company is a "cleaning product manufacturer and planning on expanding into surface disinfectant manufacturing." ECAD staff provided the new EPA compliance advisory for products claiming to kill the Coronavirus.

FIFRA Advisory Letter to V Technical Textiles Inc.: An Advisory Letter was issued on June 9, 2020 to V Technical Textiles Inc. (V Tech) of Palmyra, NY for offering facemasks that are subject to FIFRA section 3 registration due to the claims being made that go beyond the Treated Article Exemption on their website. The facemasks are considered unregistered and misbranded pesticides. The letter gave seven days to respond with actions taken to come into compliance. V Tech contacted ECAD on June 10, 2020 to ask more questions about FIFRA and how to come into compliance.



<u>FIFRA Notice of Refusal of Admission to Omni BS International</u>: On June 4, 2020, ECAD issued a Notice of Refusal of Admission (NORA) to Omni BS International of Bayside, NY for importing unregistered disinfectants without filing a Notice of Arrival. The products in this shipment are called Clean Ag+. The products must be exported within 90 days under supervision of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

FIFRA Notice of Detention to Canature WaterGroup: On June 4, 2020, a FIFRA Notice of Detention and Hearing (NOD) was issued to Canature WaterGroup of Carmel, IN for importing misbranded pesticide devices without filing a Notice of Arrival. The products in question are Pura UV Lamps for disinfecting water. The NOD gives Canature 20 days to provide explanation for why the product should not be exported. Canature WaterGroup previously received a Notice of Warning from EPA Region 2 on March 6, 2020 for failure to file the Notice of Arrival for imported pesticide devices.

FIFRA Notice of Warning & Detention to UV Pure Technologies: On June 9, 2020, a FIFRA Notice of Warning & Detention (NOWD) was issued to UV Pure Technologies of Toronto, ON, Canada for importing misbranded pesticide devices, Hallett UV Disinfection devices. The NOWD gives UV Pure Technologies 20 days to provide explanation for why the product should not be exported.

Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items: N/A

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Other Items of Interest: N/A

LABORATORY SERVICES AND APPLIED SCIENCE DIVISION

Hot Issues:

Upcoming:

ORD Strategic Measure Partner Survey - ORD is in its second year of data collection to support its analysis and reporting of its Strategic Measure on the percentage of research products that meet customer needs. This year ORD has identified 50 products to evaluate, which include three products used by two individuals in Region 2. Survey participants will be asked to complete a brief survey on their use of these products and summary statistics related to the survey will be included in EPA's Annual Performance Report (POC: M.Pensak)

Picatinny Arsenal - SST reviewed the Response to Comments regarding Eastern Edge of Green Pond Brook SLERA for the Picatinny Arsenal located in Morris County, NJ. It was indicated in the Response to Comments that sediment toxicity study results indicated no toxicity to aquatic life at GPBSD-26. However, the sediment toxicity testing results from recent Annual Surface Water and Sediment Monitoring Reports indicated statistically lower growth weights in aquatic organisms than control and/or reference area at GPBSD-26. Therefore, some aquatic toxicity may be associated with the sediments at this location. (POC: Mike Clemetson)

PRDNER PM10 & Pb-TSP Ambient Air Monitoring Program QAPP: AWQAT reviewed the PRDNER QAPP to ensure that the document has been revised/updated to be consistent with EPA's Volume II QA Handbook latest revisions, historical QAPP plans, and review of recent changes to the monitoring network plan. Comments were sent to PRDNER for revisions/clarifications/suggested changes. (POC: S. Rao)

Tier II Landfill Gas Sampling QAPP Assistance for ACB: QAPP Guidance including items to consider, sampling locations, sampling analysis and previous reports was provided to ACB for their upcoming Tier II landfill gas sampling project. AWQAT will review the QAPP once it has been developed by ERG. (POC: O. Sohail)

NYSDEC PM Collocation Study – AWQAT provided guidance to NYSDEC for the upcoming PM Parking Lot Collocation Study. Due to recent events with COVID-19, travel is restricted and working from home presents challenges to complete this requirement for FY2020. AWQAT is working with OAQPS to identify a solution where NYSDEC can complete the collocation study without Region 2 participation and using their own samplers. (POC: O. Sohail)

LSASD-MAB Front Office and MAB-MOS File plans - Updates to the file plans were requested from staff and have been received. They are being entered in the proposed and analogous categorical section of the file plans. These updates involve items such as: guidance changes (if needed for additions or deletions); new systems: realignment changes; and other changes. There is a planned file plan meeting with the Region 2 Records Liaison Officer where the updates will be finalized. (POC – L. E. Bourodimos)

Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program: On June 16th, the Office of Water and Regional Laboratory Certification Officers had their bi-weekly meeting. An Office of Water clarification document was released entitled <u>Cyanide Clarification of Free and Total Cyanide Analysis for Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance, Revision 1.0</u>. Changes in preservation and pretreatment were discussed. (POC – Erwin Smieszek)



Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has published a memo relative to COVID-19 issues. The memo covers extensions for Proficiency Testing (PT) studies, QC requirements, and compliance with regulations. https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/oqa/docs/OQA%20BMP%206-9-20.pdf (POC – Erwin Smieszek)

<u>Institute</u> held a webinar to review proposed changes to the TNI 2016 Standard, Volume 1 Module 6 (Quality Systems for Radiochemical Testing). The purpose of the review was to determine if there were any needed changes and/or improvements to the current Standard. (POC – Erwin Smieszek)

First Investigation of Stream Health (FISH) Webinar: This software application is available to Citizen Science groups free of charge and is a useful hands-on tool for assessing the health of wadeable streams. (POC: B. Morrell)

Hazardous Waste Webinar on Cooperative Federalism and Data Driven Targeting: Region 2 presented an overview of online tools used to screen and target RCRA facilities for inspections. (POC: B. Morrell)

Development of an Ecological Index for Paluestrine Wetland Assessment in Puerto Rico—QAPP Revisions Review: MOS is assisting AWQAT in a technical review of the PRDNER QAPP which has come back to MAB after the first round of revisions. (POC: C. Lynes; E. Nering)

Region 2 Laboratory:

At this time, laboratory operations have been suspended except for emergency analysis. Completed surveys have been reported that were in-house as of 03/27/2020. Once transition back into the laboratory commences, analysis will resume. (POC: J. Bourbon)

HWSB-SST Superfund Sampling Projects – Currently Suspended:

Pioneer Metal Finishing groundwater sampling, NJ	TBD
Pierson's Creek groundwater sampling, Kearny,	TBD
Zschiegner groundwater sampling, Howell, NJ	TBD
Waldick Aerospace groundwater sampling, Wall, NJ	TBD
Imperial Oil groundwater sampling, Morganville, NJ	TBD

Smithtown groundwater sampling, Smithtown, NY	TBD
Syncon Resins groundwater sampling, Kearny, NJ	TBD
Vineland Chemical surface water/sediment sampling, Vineland, NJ	TBD
Robintech-Passive bag deployment, Vestal, NY	TBD
Olean/Loohn's Dry Cleaners groundwater sampling, Olean, NY	TBD
Hopewell Precision water/VI sampling, Hopewell, NY	TBD
Arsenic Mines sampling, Kent, NY	TBD
Lightman Drum groundwater sampling, Winslow, NJ	TBD
(POC: A. Jackson)	

HWSB-HWSS: Data Validation Projects Scheduled:

Price landfill, Pleasantville, NJ

Genzale Plating, Franklin Square, NY

South Jersey Clothing Company, Minotola, NJ

(POC: Narendra Kumar)

Past Week:

HWSB-HWSS: Superfund/Brownfield QAPPs & Documents Received:

SF – Raritan Bay Slag Oversight QAPP Seawall Sector Remedial Design (POC: D. Ringel)

HWSB-HWSS: Superfund/Brownfield QAPPs & Documents Completed:

BF - Former Duofold Facility, Ilion, NY

BF - Naranjito Community-wide Generic QAPP, Naranjito, PR

SF - Seneca Army Depot OD Grounds QAPP Addendum 3

(POC: D. Ringel)

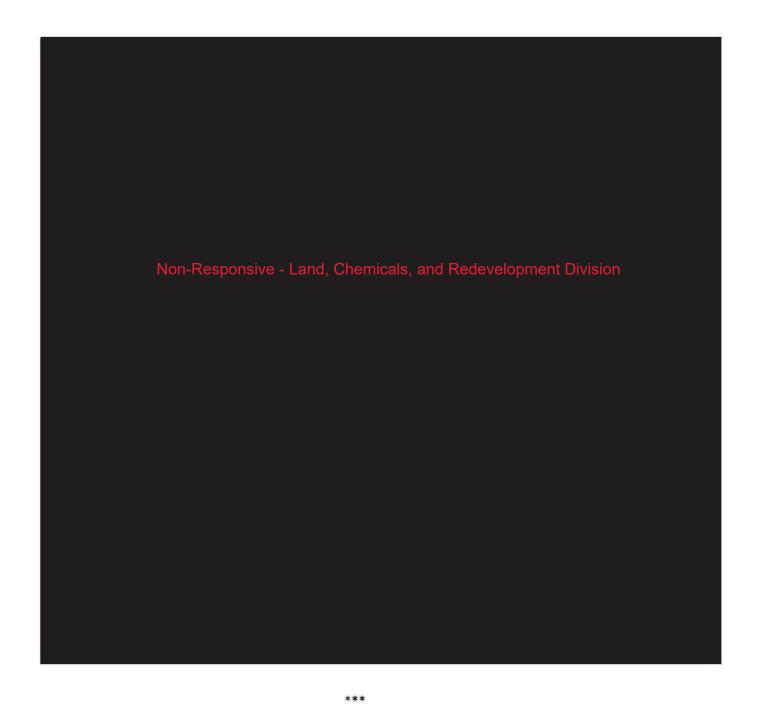
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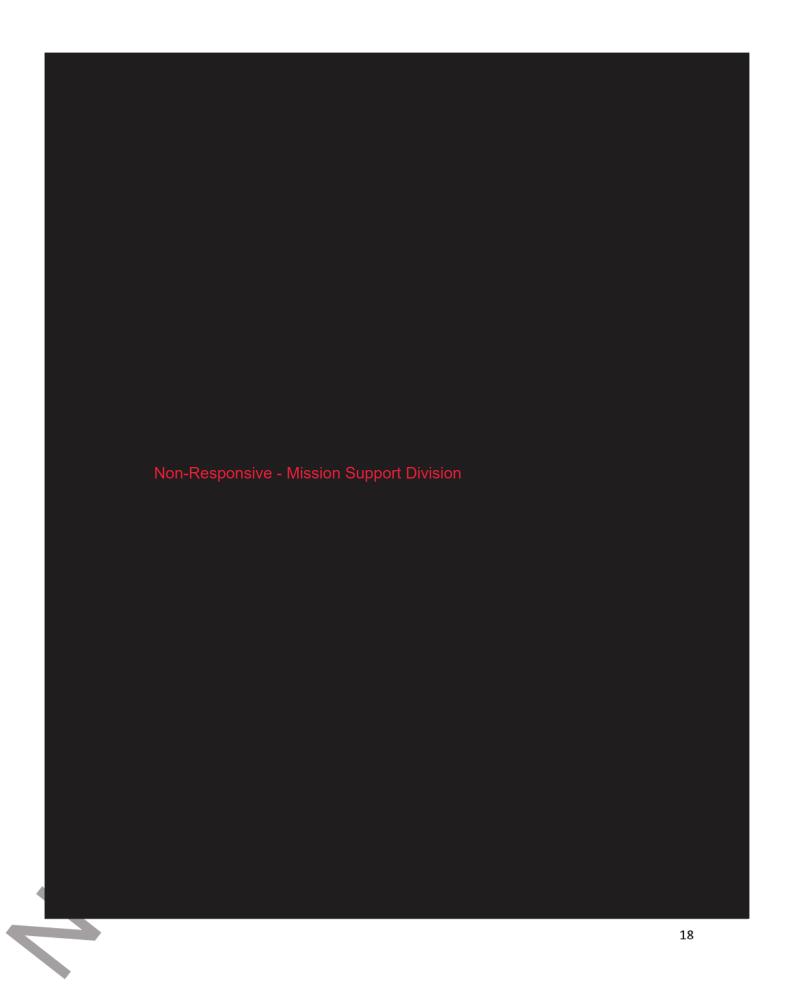
LAND, CHEMICALS AND REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION

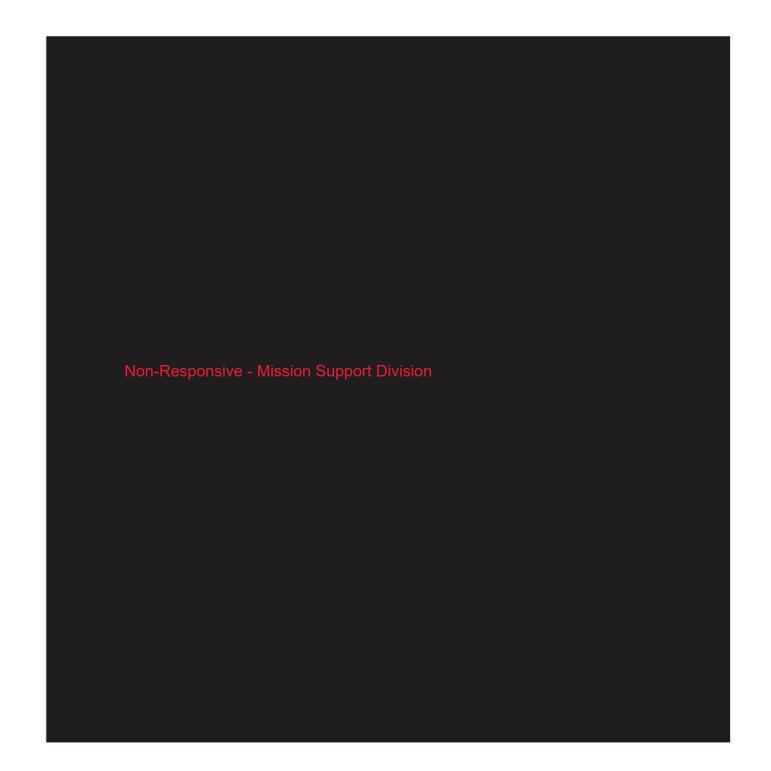
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MISSION SUPPORT DIVISION

Non-Responsive - Mission Support Division







OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNSEL

Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:

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RA's approval sought on CAA consent decree with Town of Brookhaven	5/19/20	ASAP	
Exemption 5: Attorney-Client Communication, Attorney Work Product, Deliberative Process	5/21/20	ASAP	Exemption 5: Attorney-Client Communication, Attorney Work Product, Deliberative Process
Exemption 5: Attorney-Client Communication, Attorney Work Product	5/22/20	ASAP	
Exemption 5: Attorney-Client Communication, Attorney Work Product, Deliberative Process	6/11/20	ASAP	
Proposed letter to VI Governor re: landfill capacity problem	6/11/20	ASAP	
Talking points for conversation with Massena Town Supervisor Steve O'Shaughnessy. Exemption 5: Attorney-Client Communication, Attorney Work Product, Deliberative Process	6/9/20		
Draft response to Mayor of Wharton, NJ, re: Dayco/LE Carpenter Site	5/13/20		
Draft letter to Stella Martin	12/23/19		

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE



Hot Issues:

ORD Disinfectant Research with MTA:

As early as this week, HQ ORD expects to issue a news release about research efforts to assess whether certain disinfectants are long-lasting and effective against COVID-19 on hard surfaces in transit systems. This is expected to generate press interest, and potentially interest from elected officials.

News Releases:

June 10: EPA Announces \$900,000 in Revolving Loan Funds to Clean Up and Reuse Brownfield Sites in the City of Camden, Niagara County and New York City

June 11: EPA Announces FY 2019 Superfund Accomplishments Report

June 17: EPA Administrator Wheeler Appoints New Members to the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee

Upcoming News Releases:

- HQ ORD Release on MTA disinfectant research partnership
- Proposed Plan for Unimatic Superfund Site OU2
- Proposed Plan for Riverside Park Superfund Site
- SRF/CWSRF to NY and NJ

Upcoming Community Meetings:

- Hoosick Falls CPWG meeting June 24
- Onondaga Lake CPWG meeting June 24 (TBC)
- Diamond Alkali/Passaic River CAG meeting, July 9
- Riverside Industrial Virtual Public Meeting-July TBD
- Unimatic Virtual Public Meeting –August 2

Past Week:

Wolff-Alport/Wyckoff Avenue Sewer Reconstruction Project

On June 12, the Regional Administrator, SEMD and PAO staff participated on a call with Congresswoman Velazquez's staffers Julio Salazar, Evelyn Cruz, and Dan Wiley about the status of Wolff-Alport Superfund Site and its connection to the Wyckoff Avenue Sewer Restoration Project. The staffers raised the concerns of Queens Community Boards 4 and 5 about EPA's plan and involvement in the Wyckoff Avenue sewer restoration project. EPA shared that while the agency is not involved with the Wyckoff Avenue Sewer Restoration Project, portions of the project are in areas of the Wolff-Alport site, where there is potential radiological contamination beneath the street and in the sewer system. The project team for Wolff-Alport also confirmed that the project has received funding from HQ, which signifies that relocation work at the site will begin soon. At the end of the call, the congressional staffers requested a

follow-up virtual meeting with EPA, the local community board, and other relevant stakeholders to clarify concerns further. The date and time of the follow-up meeting are to be determined. The project team also committed to preparing a community fact sheet, which the Congresswoman's staff will help disseminate. (POC: Carsen Mata)

Columbia Smelting

EPA participated in a virtual meeting with local Red Hook community groups and NYC Parks on June 11. The focus of the call was the status of work at Red Hook Park ball fields 5 – 9, and when the Health and Safety Plans (HASPs) will be finalized and work resume at the site. Other topics of discussion included CAG formation, community engagement and availability of site related information in other languages and opportunities for further engagement. A follow-up meeting is anticipated, no date has been set. The RPM and OSC also received an inquiry from Dan Wiley of Re. Velazquez' staff asking about the HASPs, and the CIC clarified over the phone that the HASPs will hopefully be ready on Thursday. (POC: Loney)

Pohatcong

EPA approved letters to be sent by Arcadis, the consultant for Rio Tinto, the PRP this week to the 30 outlier residents who will have their well sampled to see if they qualify for a POET. The letter explains both options – those who do qualify based on their results and those who do not also based on their results. We get frequent calls from the residents looking for a timeframe. We are hoping to start this fall. CIC commented on the Community Relations portion of the O&M plan related to the outlier residents. (POC: Seppi)

Upcoming:

Kentucky Avenue Wellfield

Contractors representing the responsible parties began mobilizing to this site in the Village of Horesheads, Chemung County, NY to began work at this operable unit at the Kentucky Avenue Wellfield NPL Site. The work will include the dewatering of the pond between an 8 to 10 acre area, soil and sediment consolidation grading, installation of a geotextile membrane, soil and sand with native pollinator seed mix and mulch to facilitate vegetation growth on the landfill cap. This work is related to EPA's ROD that was signed in September 2016. EPA has implemented health and safety precautions as a result of COVID-19 and it is anticipated this activity will be completed this summer. (POC: Mike Basile)



Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:

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Call Congressman Kim re: Mr. Slappey	3/16/2020 and 4/20		Talking Points including COVID language provided via email
Kiryas Joel – RA to share letter sent to NYSDEC with Orange County attorney, Langdon Chapman	3/9/2020		Mary shared WD draft
Draft response letter to Mayor Chegwidden of Wharton, NJ	5/13 and 6/8	ASAP	Sabina resent draft via email on 6/8
Draft email to Congressman Norcross re: Sherwin Williams/Kirkwood Lake	6/3		Awaiting RA edits to email
Kentucky Avenue Wellfield COVID fact sheet		ASAP	

Title	Start Time	End Time	City	State	Description	Division	Event Type
Long Island Sound Wetlands Loss Workshop	6/18/2020 0:00	6/18/2020 0:00	Bridgeport	Connecticut	This workshop is postponed due to COVID-19	WD	Symposium
Gowanus Canal CAG Meeting	6/23/2020 0:00	6/23/2020 0:00	Brooklyn	New York	Virtual monthly CAG meeting	SEMD	Meeting
Great Lakes Executive Committee	6/23/2020 0:00	6/24/2020 0:00	Chicago	Illinois	This meeting is now virtual.	WD	Meeting



Saint Gobain Community Working					Monthly Community Participation Working Group		
Group	6/24/2020	6/24/2020	Hoosick		meeting (will		
Meeting	0:00		Falls	New York	likely be virtual).	SEMD	Meeting

SUPERFUND AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Hot Issues:

<u>Hopewell Precision:</u> POET system maintenance (42 out of 43 homes granted access) completed last week. EPA, the contractor, and the Town have discussed the timing for performing the paused work on interior residential connections to the new water line. We will be gathering more info about the planned work and will communicate that to the Town when available. The Town will also let us know of any concerns the community may have. The homeowners who just had their POETs maintained, voiced no concerns about our potentially resuming work for the permanent connections to the water line.

Grasse-Noise Ordinance: On 5/19, Arconic submitted written comments to the Town of Massena on the proposed noise ordinance. The proposed ordinance is expected to impact Arconic's ability to perform work after 10 pm. The Board will review the comments that were received and meet with the six businesses, including Arconic, that provided comments, prior to voting on the proposed noise ordinance on 6/17. The RA may want to call the Town Supervisor to discuss the ordinance and project with him; talking points have been provided to the RA. On the evening of 5/26, Arconic received and followed up on a noise complaint from the Town Supervisor. The noise may have originated from the processing plant; the noise standard was not exceeded. The Supervisor texted Arconic field personnel on June 3 thanking them for their response to the noise issue and noting that things have been "eerily quiet" and thanked them for the good work. The Board is likely to vote on the proposed noise ordinance on 6/17.

South Jersey Clothing Company/Garden State Cleaners: ERT well installation is on hold. ERT is working on procedures for their employees to return safely to the field. ORC is working on Site Transfer Agreement for NJDEP currently. We also need access from the Borough to install wells on the Right of Way. The access agreement was sent to the town on 6/10/20.



Upcoming:

Past Week:

Other Items of Special Interest:

Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility: At the request of GAO, we are still attempting to obtain videos and pictures of the cleanup work in response to the GAO audit. The Navy has also received this request and has provided pictures that are representative of work performed to GAO. It is likely that any pictures we would have would be duplicative since the Navy library of photos is much more extensive than ours. We are reviewing pictures from previous site visits and Task Force presentations.

<u>Spring NPL update/Pioneer Finishing:</u> On June 15, 2020 the Administrator approved Pioneer Metal to the proposed rule for the Spring NPL update. The projected FR publication date for the proposed and final rules is September 3, 2020. PRS has reached out to NJDEP for their concurrence letter.

Methods to Reduce the Risks from Environmental Transmission of Coronavirus via Contaminated

Surfaces or Materials: EPA ORD, with participation from the Regions and Special Teams, is running several research projects funded under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Both the sampling/decontamination project and the UV light project are proceeding. Several outside agencies are participating in the UV project. They include the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro).

Seneca Nation of Indians (SNI) Fuel Spill Investigation, Irving, NY: SEMD, with Regional Tribal Coordinator and UST program participated in a teleconference with SNI regarding their investigation of a subsurface legacy oil spill. EPA was originally contacted by SNI about this on 6/10 and began to gather additional information. The original discovery of the incident took place on 5/21 when diesel fuel product was discovered in a wet well at the sewage treatment plant. The sewer line where the fuel was discovered is fed by three separate sewer lines. SNI has hired a contractor to investigate the source of the spill. Of the three lines feeding the main line, one shows old diesel product, one shows relatively fresh diesel product, and one is clean of any fuel oil. The investigation shows no groundwater contamination and the product is believed to have entered the sewer system through a breached plug or possible break in the line. The two fuel sources trace back to a current gas station (fresh oil) and older abandoned and dismantled gas station (older fuel oil), which is the more significant of the two sources.

Response actions to date have resulted in approximately 15,000 gallons of combined sewage sludge, water and oil which have been pump from the wet well at the WWTP. The amount and flow of oil has significantly subsided over the past week. SNI confirms that are prepared to be able to follow through with the investigation and cleanup through its conclusion. They have estimated current response costs to be between \$90-100K to date. The investigation is continuing and will continue long term.

SNI is expected to prepare a written request to the RA to formalize our coordination, especially as the overall site encompasses both sides of the EPA/Coast Guard response boundary. A follow up call among EPA and SNI is scheduled for 6/23.



Sherwin-Williams OU2 Hilliards Creek Former Manufacturing Plant Soil and Sediment: The draft ROD was sent to HQ on 6/3/20 and NJDEP on 6/4/20. We are waiting for comments.

Unimatic OU2 ROD: The draft proposed plan is with NJDEP and HQ for review.

Cinnaminson OU4 ROD: The draft proposed plan is in NJRB and ORC review. On 6/15, a follow-up technical meeting was held with NJDEP to discuss NJDEP concerns with FS/PP. They do not at this time concur with proposed alternative, they indicate that the site is a candidate for a TI waiver, and want a cooperative agreement, where EPA would fund wellhead treatment downgradient of the site (this wellhead treatment is already in place). We disagree. We are drafting the proposed plan and will send it to NJDEP next week.

Imperial Oil ROD Amendment: The proposed plan was drafted and sent to Chloe/HQ/NJDEP this week.

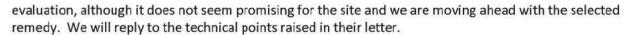
Quanta OU1: Controlled correspondence from concerned citizen to Pete Lopez received on 6/9/20. Draft response, for Pete Lopez's signature, was provided to Pat Evangelista on 6/12/20. Background: Resident email to P. Lopez inquired about EPA's role in the redevelopment of the Quanta OU1 property after NJDEP's Division of Land Use notified the community that an application for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit, and Flood Hazard Area Verification was submitted and that NJDEP was accepting comments on the permit applications.

Quanta OU2 (sediments): Honeywell had significant proposed changes to the alternatives considered for the FS. EPA discussed Honeywell's capping alternatives with NJDEP on 5/29/20. Honeywell's capping alternatives may remain in the FS as well as other capping alternatives. There is still no agreement on final FS alternatives between EPA and Honeywell.

Metaltec Site Transfer: This is scheduled for early July – but this date will not be met. We are currently waiting for NJDEP to reply on draft transfer agreement. NJDEP has indicated that the field work required for them to work with their contractor in the field in support of the transfer cannot proceed now as this work is not currently deemed "essential" work after COVID and they will need an extension for transfer beyond July. The recommendation to deem this work "essential" is with Mark Pedersen. We have indicated that this transfer must be done by September. During a 6/17 call, NJDEP indicated they thought they could resolve this issue for a September transfer.

South Jersey Clothing Company/Garden State Cleaners Site Transfer: This is scheduled for September. We are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to finalize the equipment list. In addition, ERT will install 2 deep sentry wells, however this field work has been delayed due to COVID 19 and will be rescheduled sometime this summer. NJDEP must have this work designated as "essential" within the department for this to meet the September transfer date.

LCP: We have drafted a Superfund State Contract (SSC) which is being reviewed by ORC and will be sent to NJDEP shortly. The State concurs on the first phase of the remedy, which is buildings demolition. Therefore, Task 1 of the SSC will be through the demo of the buildings. EPA has drafted an ESD on the revised RA costs, which is in concurrence. NJDEP will not concur on the ESD at this time. NJDEP has asked us to investigate a new possible mercury treatment technology. We have agreed to do some -





Woodbrook Road Dump:

Exemption 5: Attorney-Client Communication, Attorney Work Product, Deliberative Process

Syncon Resins: EPA has held a series of negotiation meetings starting in Nov 2019 with NJDEP, the mayor of Kearney and the Town's attorney. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the release of our respective liens and the sale of the site property, which has been abandoned, now that EPA has completed the soil remediation. There has been some delay in completing negotiations as the local official in Kearney are addressing COVID-19 issues in the town. We will reconvene and try to complete negotiations this ummer, if the Township is agreeable.

Mansfield Trail Dump: A memo has been prepared on the "gross up fee" issue related to the planned public waterline construction at the site. This is currently being reviewed by SEMD Director and ORC Deputy Director. ORC discussed having NJDEP discuss the BPU Option with NJ BPU and they agreed. The memo will be sent to HQ when completed. We cannot proceed any further with the RD completion target for OU1 until the gross up fee issue is resolved; currently at 95% completion. Kickoff for the OU2 RD is planned on 6/19/20.

<u>Matteo OU2:</u> We have engaged with Army Corps of Engineers to finish the temporary relocation meetings with the final 2 residents and to have them start assessing the value of the homes. Meetings with residents have been put on hold due to COVID-19. Planning to reach out to community to get access agreements in place for RA work.

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Dewey Loeffel - Candidate Tech Memo Wrap up Summary to CAG	5/28	6/10/20	
Woodbrook Rd draft email to S. Bodine and P. Wright	·	ASAP	

CC: R2 RA Briefing Book



STRATEGIC PROGRAM OFFICE



Past Week:

Non-Responsive - Strategic Program Office - International

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COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION / ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMART SECTORS / CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Past Week:

Significant Non-Compliance (Minors)

Strategic Programs, along with ECAD and WD, developed a communications strategy for coordinated outreach to approximately one dozen NPDES non-compliance communities (those considered as minors) to determine a path forward for bringing them into compliance. On June 16, SPO began the outreach with the Town of Carmel, Putnam County. Our second call is scheduled for June 18 to discuss Watertown, Port Leyden and Lyons Falls, NY non-compliance matters. A briefing for the Regional Administrator is scheduled for June 30th.

Upcoming:

Region 2 Lead Action Plan:

The Region 2 Lead Team received the finalized quarterly monitoring template and FAQs on reporting out quarterly accomplishments to the Administrator's Office (AO). The first quarterly report is due to the AO by July 17.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Upcoming:

NEJAC

On June 23, David Kluesner, Towana Joseph and members from the NEJAC will hold a follow-up call on action items developed from the OEJ/NEJAC meeting held in February 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida.



ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

Past Week:

Levine Reservoir Water Storage Improvement Project Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) The RA signed the final MOA for the Levine Reservoir Water Storage Improvements project on May 8. NJSHPO, NJDEP and NPS have followed with their signatures. A request for signature was sent to the City of Paterson, Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC), and consulting parties on May 21.

On June 10, Strategic Programs received a letter from PVWC's counsel seeking clarification on a MOA provision. SPO responded to PVWC's counsel along with copying all consulting parties on June 15. The Advisory Council of Historic Preservation has been made aware of the situation. SPO continues to coordinate with the City of Paterson to obtain the Mayor's signature on the MOA.

Nassau County Back Bay (NCBB) Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Feasibility Study, Nassau County, NY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District, Planning Division is notifying interested parties that it has withdrawn the Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed NCBB CSRM Feasibility Study. The original NOI to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on Friday, April 21, 2017. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared instead of an EIS.

White Swan Sun Cleaners Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site

The New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (NJSHPO) reviewed and commented on the December 5, 2019 cultural resource report on the potential for the proposed groundwater extraction system at the site to affect historic properties. The NJHPO has concurred with the Region 2 Historic Preservation Officer's (Nick Wirth) finding that the undertaking will not adversely affect historic properties, therefore, the project activities can proceed.

Radiation Technology (Reaction Motors) Superfund Site

On June 16, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (NJSHPO) provided an email response regarding proposed undertaking of light construction work on several buildings at the site involving limited removal of asbestos tile, PCB-contaminated caulk (which may involve removing doors and windows including frames) and lead based paint. One smaller building has collapsed completely, requiring removal. Two additional buildings are about to collapse. Two more buildings vary in integrity, due to their poor and deteriorating condition, and a contractor will assess their need for demolition during a field assessment. NJSHPO recommends that the EPA re-initiate Section 106 consultation for just these activities. A Phase IA archaeological survey was completed that outlined the archaeological sensitivity of the subject property and the next step is to conduct further studies determine what effects the removal of the building



materials and the structures will have on the historic property, as well as evaluate the need for further archaeology at the site, depending on what is ultimately proposed.

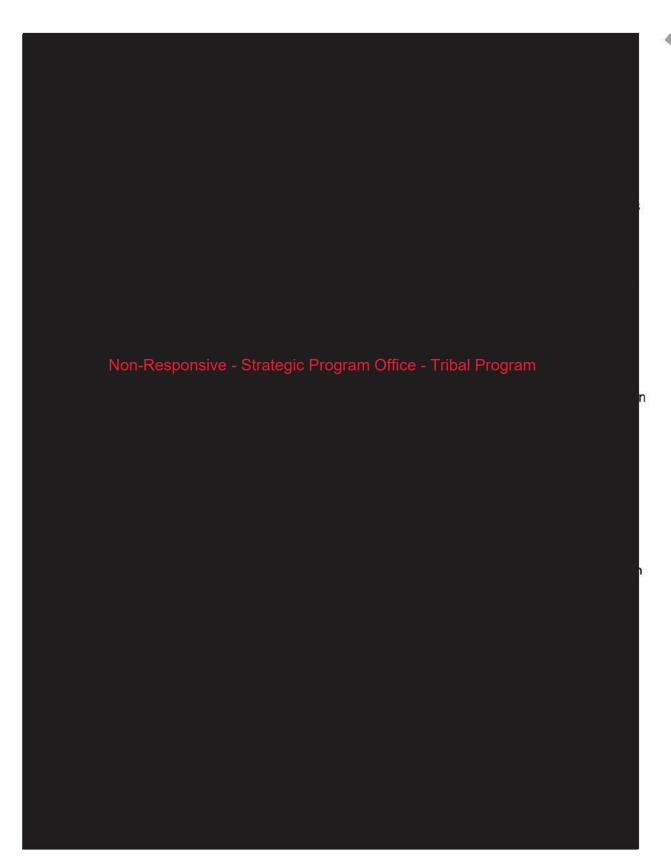
Upcoming:

NJ Wind Port: Governor Murphy announced that a new "wind port" has been designated for construction in Salem, NJ on the Delaware River. The new port will be adjacent to the Salem/Hope Creek Nuclear facility. It will be the base of construction and storage of wind turbines destined for the NJ offshore windfarms. The Environmental Review Team has contacted appropriate colleagues in R2 and R3 to determine EPA engagement in the project, including NEPA, wetlands, and air programs.

Non-Responsive - Strategic Program Office - Disaster Recovery and Mitigation

TRIBAL PROGRAM

Non-Responsive - Strategic Program Office - Tribal Program





AGRICULTURE



Non-Responsive - Strategic Program Office - Agriculture

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR'S PENDING ACTION ITEMS

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Environmental Review Team has been trained and is now huddling.

WATER DIVISION

Hot Issues:

COVID-19 Drinking Water Updates: We participated in the bi-weekly Region 1/Region 2 COVID-19 Coordination call and discussed the status of personal protective equipment distribution across the regions, building reopening guidance, and other State and EPA updates. Most states mentioned that they have begun some level of phased reopening of offices and resumption of field work, though New York and New Jersey remain mostly in the planning stages. While not meant to be a long-term solution, FEMA will be providing state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with an allotment of digital thermometers to assist utilities with the employee screening process. FEMA has given the critical infrastructure sector, which includes the water sector, priority in the distribution process. Our understanding is that the prioritization and distribution for the thermometers will be at the states' discretion. In addition, Massachusetts raised the need for EPA Drinking Water guidance to address legionella in drinking water and sampling. There have been requests from local health departments for additional information to provide to water suppliers as buildings reopen. The New Jersey Flushing Guidance, which has been circulated, was raised as an example of a state prioritizing legionella with their guidance for flushing buildings and ensuring safe drinking water. New York has flushing guidance that is still in draft. (POC: C. Ash)

Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines: The Office of Water has informed the workgroup that Final Agency Review (FAR) of the Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines will begin Monday, June 22, 2020, at which time workgroup members will receive review materials, such as regulatory language and the preamble to the Rule, and a polling form. Regions and Offices will be expected to respond with their polling form indicating concurrence, nonconcurrence, or concur with comment by Thursday, June 25, 2020. The response must reflect the position of the Regional Administrator or Director if delegated. Recent revisions to the rule include purge for bottom ash will be site-specific (still capped at 10%) rather than across the board, the low utilization subcategory will be much narrower, with a cutoff of 8% utilization rather than 876,000 MWh production, bottom ash requirements have a "no later than" date of 2025 for compliance, and the earliest applicability dates would be postponed six months or more into 2021. The Office of Water is on an expedited schedule to meet a deadline of final signature by August 2020. We will provide a summary as soon as possible once we have received rulemaking materials. (POC: K. O'Brien)

Past Week:

Pretreatment Program Update: On June 12, 2020, the WD sent out a notice via email to the pretreatment coordinators in NY POTWs with approved pretreatment programs, providing updates and guidance related to program implementation including upcoming webinars and COVID-19-related issues. The email also served as a reminder of the upcoming compliance date of July 14, 2020 for the pretreatment dental rule. To provide continued assistance to the pretreatment coordinators, we plan to send out updates on a monthly basis or as needed. This will create opportunities for the POTWs to reach out to EPA and to share information with their peers. (POC: A. Remnek)

Urban Waters Program (UW): The Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds UW Federal Partnership location has received \$36,160 in supplemental funding from EPA-HQ for a project entitled, "Measuring Success of Natural and Nature Based Resiliency Features in the Bronx." The project involves developing a framework for monitoring natural and nature-based shoreline features to provide uniform environmental baseline data and information received from targeted users of the shoreline. This is needed to measure progress and achievement of improved resiliency. We will place the funds in the Hudson River Foundation's FY 2021 CWA 320 National Estuary Program grant award. (POC: I. Purdy)

Seneca Nation of Indians and the Pennsylvania 303d List of Impaired Waters: Pennsylvania is planning to public notice its water quality Integrated Report (IR) in the next 2-3 weeks, which includes its 303d list of impaired waters. EPA Region 3 reached out to Region 2 to find out how we wanted to handle sending a letter informing the Seneca Nation of Indians about the Pennsylvania 303d list. We responded that written notification to the Seneca Nation of Indians should come from R3 as it is the lead for PA's 303(d) list. If the Seneca Nation responds in the affirmative, Region 2 would assist Region 3 by facilitating the consultation discussions between the Nation and R3. (POC: A. Sexton-Sims)

EPA Administrator Announces Membership of the Great Lakes Advisory Board: On June 3, 2020 Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced membership of the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB), an EPA federal advisory committee. See: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-wheeler-announces-selection-14-individuals-serve-re-established-great. Administrator Wheeler re-established the GLAB in December 2018 to provide advice and recommendations on matters related to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the implementation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada. The GLAB will meet in person or by electronic means twice a

year. (POC: R. Balla)



Other Items of Special Interest:

Trenton Water Works: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has filed suit against the City of Trenton for failure to adequately fund Trenton Water Works drinking water improvements, including meeting targets for lead service line replacement and protecting its open finished water reservoir. Additional information is available at https://planetprinceton.com/2020/06/15/attorneygeneral-njdep-file-suit-against-city-of-trenton-for-failing-to-protect-the-water-system-that-serves-fivemunicipalities-in-mercer-county/.

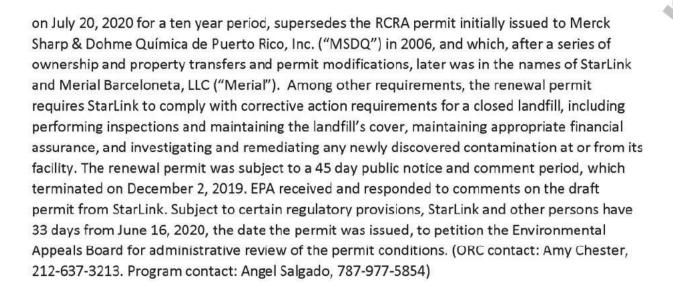
Government Accountability Office (GAO) Audit of Long Island Sound: The GAO is reviewing EPA's biennial update to the recommendations in GAO-18-410: Long Island Sound Restoration: Improved Reporting and Cost Estimates Could Help Guide Future Efforts. GAO is considering closing 2 or 3 of the recommendations of the audit, but before deciding, the GAO has sent two questions to EPA. Our office is working to develop responses which will be shared with R1 and R2 Water Division management and to the Regional Administrators for approval before sending to the EPA GAO Liaison team for transmittal. (POC: M. Tedesco)

Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:

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Lake Ontario Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP) Review	February 25, 2020	March 17, 2020	RA input sought prior to U.S. concurrence on public release of the LAMP on www.binational.net
Draft letter response to Lisa Jaeger, the Chairperson for the Windham Chamber of Commerce	April 3, 2020	NA	

Enforcement Report

EPA Issues RCRA Corrective Action Permit to StarLink Logistics Inc. On June 16, 2020, EPA Region 2 issued a renewal RCRA Corrective Action Permit to StarLink Logistics Inc. for its facility in Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. The renewal permit, which is scheduled to become effective -



EPA Issues CERCLA Administrative Order Amendment for Groundwater Remedy at Lightman Drum Co. Site. On June 11, 2020, EPA Region 2 issued an amendment to a CERCLA administrative order originally issued in June 2010 to the Lightman Drum Company potentially responsible parties group directing the group to implement the amended remedy documented in the Record of Decision Amendment issued by EPA in September 2019 for the Lightman Drum Company Superfund Site in Winslow Township, Camden County, NJ. The ROD Amendment modifies the groundwater remedy originally selected in EPA's September 2009 ROD from extraction and treatment of "hot spot" areas to monitored natural attention. The remainder of the original ROD remedy that the PRP Group must implement remains unchanged. The amendment to the administrative order also modifies the composition of the PRP group to reflect changes in the group's composition that occurred since the administrative order was originally issued, and updates the financial assurance requirements to reflect EPA's current model language. (ORC contact: Amelia Wagner, 212-637-3141)

